

Remarks

This application is a National Stage Application of International Application Number PCT/AU03/00743. By this amendment, the subject specification has been amended to add a cross-reference to a related application and also to add new page 19 (Abstract of the Disclosure). Claims 1-17 were previously pending in the subject international patent application. By this Amendment, claims 1-15 have been amended and new claim 18 has been added. The applicant has also attached a clean copy of the claims to this Amendment. Accordingly, claims 1-18 are pending in the subject application. No new matter has been added by these Amendments.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR §§§1.16, 1.17, or 1.492 as required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 19-0065.

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Attachment: New page 19 (Abstract of the Disclosure)
Clean copy of amended claims

PIZ-106 Claims pending after Preliminary Amendment

1 (Currently amended). A cladding apparatus for covering the junction between a roof and a fascia of a building, wherein said apparatus comprises:

an elongated body member having an inner surface and an outer surface, each surface extending between opposed ends and opposed elongate side edges of the body member;

a mounting batten associated with said fascia and adapted to engage at least one complementary mounting portion provided on said inner surface;

complementary inter-engaging means provided on respective said opposed ends and permitting substantially weatherproof engagement between adjacent body members when laid in longitudinal sequence.

2 (Currently amended). The cladding apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the body member portion overlying said roof is adapted to impede the ingress of weather under said body member in use.

3 (Currently amended). The cladding apparatus according claim 2, wherein the adaptation of said body member portion overlying said roof is a flange dependent toward said roof from, and extending along, said elongate edge, said roof being provided with an elongate roof batten sealingly supported on said roof, said roof batten including an upper surface against which the inner surface of said body member bears in use, one or both of said inner surface and upper surface being provided with one or more elongate grooves forming in use a moisture excluding labyrinth between said inner surface and said upper surface.

4 (Currently amended). The cladding apparatus according to claim 3, wherein said roof comprises a shingle laid roof, said roof batten having a profile selected to conform to said shingle laid roof.

5-(Currently amended). The cladding apparatus according to claim 3, wherein said flange in use has its lower edge clear of said roof, so as not to interfere with intimate contact of said upper and inner surfaces.

6 (Currently amended). The cladding apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said mounting portion and mounting batten are provided with complementary profiles permitting snap-in connection therebetween.

7 (Currently amended). The cladding apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said mounting portion and mounting batten are provided with complementary profiles permitting connection therebetween by longitudinally sliding said mounting portion on said mounting batten.

8 (Currently amended). The cladding apparatus according to claim 7, wherein said mounting portion and mounting batten are substantially continuous along their respective lengths, whereby said body members are sequentially installed by sliding from one end of said mounting batten.

9 (Currently amended). The cladding apparatus according to claim 7, wherein said mounting portion and mounting batten are complementarily interrupted whereby said body members may be sequentially installed by offering up said body members to said batten intermediate its ends and sliding said body members into engagement with said batten.

10 (Currently amended). The cladding apparatus according to claim 7, wherein said complementary profiles comprise a longitudinal bolt and track pair.

11 (Currently amended). The cladding apparatus according to claim 7, wherein a said longitudinal edge adjacent said mounting portion includes a flange dependent toward said cladding from, and extending along, said elongate edge, to substantially conceal said mounting batten in use.

12 (Currently amended). The cladding apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said complementary inter-engaging means provided on respective said opposed ends comprise an overlapping skirt portion on one said end and an underlying skirt portion on the other said end.

13 (Currently amended). The cladding apparatus according to claim 12, wherein mating faces of said overlapping skirt portion and said underlying skirt portion are provided with complementary surfaces features cooperating in use to form a weather impeding labyrinth.

14 (Currently amended). A cladding apparatus for covering the junction between a roof and a fascia, wherein said apparatus comprises:

an elongated body member having an inner surface and an outer surface, each surface extending between opposed ends and opposed elongate side edges of the body member, a body member portion overlying said roof having a flange dependent toward said roof from, and extending along, said elongate edge, said opposed ends respectively comprising an overlapping skirt portion on one said end and an underlying skirt portion on the other said end permitting substantially weatherproof engagement between adjacent body members when laid in longitudinal sequence;

an elongate roof batten sealingly supported on said roof, said roof batten including an upper surface against which the inner surface of said body member bears in use, one or both of said inner surface and upper surface being provided with one or more elongate grooves forming in use a moisture excluding labyrinth between said inner surface and said upper surface;

a mounting batten associated with said fascia and adapted to engage at least one complementary mounting portion provided on said inner surface, said mounting portion and mounting batten being substantially continuous along their respective lengths and provided with complementary profiles permitting connection therebetween by longitudinally sliding said mounting portion on said mounting batten by sliding from one end of said mounting batten.

15 (Currently amended). The cladding member according to claim 1, wherein said adjacent cladding portions form intersecting planes and wherein the body member comprises a pair of webs each adapted to overlie a respective said cladding portion in use, said webs being separated by curved portion adapted to overlie said junction.

16 (Original). A cladding member comprising:

a substantially planar body having inner and outer faces;

a web extending outwardly from a first end of the inner face of said body;

a first projection extending from said web along said body; and
a second projection extending outwardly from a second end of the inner face of said body.

17 (Original). A cladding system for removably attaching a cladding member to a cladding surface including:

a longitudinal commencing batten member attachable to the cladding surface said member having means lying in a first plane for inter-engagement with a first portion of the cladding member; and

at least one longitudinal connecting batten member attachable to a cladding surface having means lying in a second plane disposed at an angle to said first plane, for inter-engagement with a second portion of said cladding member and having means lying in a plane disposed parallel to said first plane for inter-engagement with a portion of an adjacent cladding member.

18 (New). The cladding member, according to claim 14, wherein said adjacent cladding portions form intersecting planes and wherein the body member comprises a pair of webs each adapted to overlie a respective said cladding portion in use, said webs being separated by curved portion adapted to overlie said junction.